

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The independent claims further define Cp₁ and Cp₂ in formula (II) as being selected from the formulae (C1) to (C8).

None of JP'998, JP '250, Schaeffert, and Tanigawa, Kanoto, Kakuta, or Byrne disclose or suggest a compound of the formula (II) in which Cp₁ and Cp₂ are selected from the formulae (C1) to (C8).

In view of the above, the rejections of record should be withdrawn.

Further, the provisional double patenting rejections are moot in view of the definition of Cp₁ and Cp₂ in formula (II) as being selected from the formulae (C1) to (C8). Thus, the provisional double patenting rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

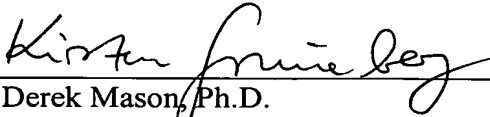
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